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PATENT

Election of Species

The Examiner has restricted the pending claims into generic categories A-

D. In response to the election of species requirement, Applicants elect:

- (1) in category A (recognition moiety), metal binding ligands;
- (2) in category B (analyte), inorganic ions; and
- (3) in category C (interaction type), ionic bonding.

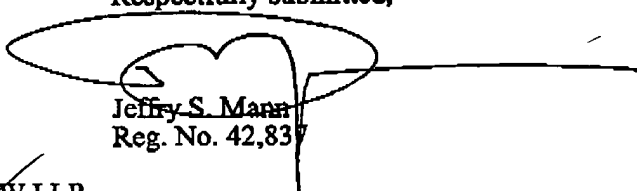
Because Applicants have elected Group I, no election is necessary with respect to category D at this time. The election of metal binding ligands in category A is readable upon claims 76 and 81. The election of inorganic ions in category B is readable upon claims 66, 69 and 76-80. The election of ionic bonding in category C is readable upon claims 66 and 68. Generically, the election is readable on independent claims 66 and 109.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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